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Principal's Message

Welcome Back!!

We hope you were able to take advantage of the great weather getting lots of fresh air and sunshine and are coming back refreshed and energized for the fall. Even though it looks and feels different, the warmth of community and the enthusiasm of our students and staff promises to bring a lot of new learning and growth for everyone.



This year is by no means 'business as usual' but we are so looking forward to welcoming our students back – whether that's face to face in physical classrooms or virtually in the Blended model. As you know, the staff at Goldstone are outstanding and are looking forward to being back with students!

Below is some information regarding both models of learning for this first term, We want you to make an informed decision that works best for you and your family so please read the information thoroughly. All information and further details are on the District website and on our school site as well.

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If you have signed up for the **Blended/Virtual model**, you DO NOT come to the school on Sept.10 and 11. Information regarding your child's program will be sent to you from the District. Your child will begin school Sept. 21.

Depending on enrollment, it may be at Goldstone or at one of our feeder schools. It will however, be a multiage class. That means it is made up of students from a variety of grades. For example, K/1/2 or 5/6. Again, that will depend on enrollment numbers. We will not have confirmation of that until after Sept. 8. When your child comes into a school for in class afternoons, it will be with their online cohort. It will not be with other students who are in the face to face model.

Please note that there is increased parental responsibility around your child's learning with the Blended model. For the morning online instruction, you will need to be a part of those sessions. Daily parental participation is mandatory as is the scheduled Parent meeting time. It is *not* the same model that was in place in June.

If you decide that this model is not working for your family, the only entry point back into face to face learning takes place after January 1. Please make sure you are aware of the commitment prior to making this decision as you will not be able to change it after Sept 8 at 4 pm.

IN CLASS INSTRUCTION

If you are coming back to school for in class instruction, we are very excited to welcome you back into the classrooms. We have missed you. Sept 10 and 11 students return for one hour. This is verify our numbers and go through new procedures for students.

In this hour they will meet in small groups, socially distanced to go through the new protocols. Please look for the grade level sign on the back field. Social distancing will be needed as we put students into small groups to meet with a teacher.

Sept 10/11

9-10:00 Gr 1-4

11-12:00 Gr 5-7

12:30-1:30 K students as per sent schedule

In order for students to safely return to in-class instruction, there are guidelines put in place to keep everyone safe and healthy and we request that you please adhere to them. You are required to go through a set of health questions daily with your child PRIOR to sending them to school. If you answer "yes" to any of the questions, you cannot send your child to school. We need to make sure that everyone is kept safe so please make sure to adhere to this policy.

Daily Health Check			
1. Symptoms of illness*	Does your child have any of the following symptoms?	CIRCLE ONE	
	Fever	YES	NO
	Chills	YES	NO
	Cough or worsening of chronic cough	YES	NO
	Shortness of breath	YES	NO
	Sore throat	YES	NO
	Runny nose / stuffy nose	YES	NO
	Loss of sense of smell or taste	YES	NO
	Headache	YES	NO
	Fatigue	YES	NO
	Diarrhea	YES	NO
	Loss of appetite	YES	NO
	Nausea and vomiting	YES	NO
	Muscle aches	YES	NO
	Conjunctivitis (pink eye)	YES	NO
	Dizziness, confusion	YES	NO
	Abdominal pain	YES	NO
	Skin rashes or discoloration of fingers or toes	YES	NO
2. International Travel	Have you or anyone in your household returned from travel outside Canada in the last 14 days?	YES	NO
3. Confirmed Contact	Are you or is anyone in your household a confirmed contact of a person confirmed to have COVID-19?	YES	NO

*Check BCCDC's [Symptoms of COVID-19](#) regularly to ensure the list is up to date.

If you answered "YES" to any of the questions and the symptoms are not related to a pre-existing condition (e.g. allergies) your child should **NOT** come to school.

If they are experiencing any symptoms of illness, contact a health-care provider for further assessment. This includes 8-1-1, or a primary care provider like a physician or nurse practitioner.

If you answered "YES" to questions 2 or 3, use the [COVID-19 Self-Assessment Tool](#) to determine if you should be tested for COVID-19.

Please make sure you are practicing social distancing if you need to be on school property. Parents will not be permitted into the school or classrooms without prior consent from the Principal.

Students will enter and exit the building at set points and will be required to handwash/sanitize upon entering and in between all activities. Once in their learning cohort, they will be able to move freely in their space, keeping hands to self and respecting personal space and proximity. Masks are not mandatory but will be given to all students and staff.

Students will get a more comprehensive set of guidelines on Sept 10/11 in regards to expected behaviours and new ways of doing things in this setting. Please refer to the BCCBC guidelines document that will be available under the announcements tab on our school website.

By September 14, your child will know their teacher and learning cohort for the year.
More information will follow from the classroom teacher your child will be assigned to.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we all navigate this new landscape.

We are so very excited to welcome our students back into the classroom. We have missed you!!!

With appreciation,

Mrs. Grilly